

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar: In the answer, it is said that the 'complaint is highly exaggerated'. That is only a vague answer.

Mr. President: The position has been sufficiently explained by hon'ble members for Government. This sort of cross-examination regarding the language I cannot allow.

LEVEL OF RAILWAY COMPARTMENTS—INCONVENIENCES FELT BY THE PUBLIC.

53. Mr. A. V. Moothedan: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the great inconvenience felt by the public, because the level of the Railway compartments is much higher than the level of the Railway platforms?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: There had been some inconvenience on this account. But this has been remedied by providing a third step and an additional hand rail to the carriages running on this railway.

RAILWAY BUDGET—PREPARATION OF.

54. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Cochin Government have any hand in the preparation of the Railway Budget; will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the last Railway Budget so far as it relates to our State Railway?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: No. No separate budget is prepared for the State Railway.

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY COMPANY—CAPITAL EXPENDITURE—INCURRING OF.

55. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the South Indian Railway Company is authorised to incur capital expenditure in the State Railway without the permission of our Government?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu: Is the Railway Budget scrutinised by our Government?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu: Can't the Government take steps to scrutinise the railway budget as prepared by the S. I. R., so far as our railway is concerned?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: There is no separate budget as far as our portion is concerned.